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To: School Administrators
From: Laurie Matzke, Assistant Superintendent
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Date: August 23, 2016
RE: Important Updates

Please note the following three important updates:

- 1) New Title IV, Part A Program - Survey
 - 2) Consolidated Application Deadline
 - 3) NDDPI Fall Educators Conference
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- 1) **New Title IV, Part A Program:** The new federal education law, *Every Student Succeeds Act* (ESSA), includes a new block grant program under Title IV, Part A called Student Support and Academic Enrichment Grants. This new program will be available to districts in the 2017-2018 school year. Attached please find a memo, guidance, and estimated allocations for this program. The memo contains a link to a brief survey that we are asking administrators to complete.
 - 2) **Consolidated Application Deadline:** All consolidated applications must be submitted in STARS by **Friday, August 26, 2016**. No applications will be accepted after this date and you will forfeit your federal Title funds. If you have not submitted your consolidated application, please do so at your earliest convenience.
 - 3) **NDDPI Fall Educators Conference:** It is with great pleasure that we announce the NDDPI will once again be offering high quality professional development to our North Dakota educators at the 2016 NDDPI Fall Educators Conference. Registration information will be available in early September 2016.